

IN THE CLAIMS:

The pending claims are reiterated for the convenience of the Examiner.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1 ~~12~~. A method for identifying a composition which affects a kinase characterized as having a molecular weight of 55 kD as determined by reducing SDS-PAGE; having serine and threonine kinase activity; and phosphorylating the c-Jun N-terminal activation domain, comprising:

- a) incubating components comprising the composition and the kinase or polynucleotide encoding the kinase, wherein the incubating is carried out under conditions sufficient to allow the components to interact; and
- b) measuring the effect of the composition on the kinase or polynucleotide encoding the kinase.

2 ~~14~~. The method of claim ~~12~~, wherein the effect is inhibition of the kinase.

3 ~~15~~. The method of claim ~~12~~, wherein the effect is stimulation of the kinase.

4 ~~17~~. The method of claim ~~12~~, wherein the composition is an immunosuppressing agent.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, before line 1, please delete lines 3-5 and replace with -This is a continuation of copending application Serial No. 08/444,393 filed May 19, 1995, now U.S. Patent 5,605,808, which is a divisional of 08/276,860 filed July 18, 1994, now U.S. Patent 5,593,884, which is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Serial No. 08/220,602 filed March 25, 1994 which is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Serial No. 08/094,533 filed July 19, 1993. --
now U.S. Pat. No. 5,574,426